



City Manager's Weekly Update

January 7, 2022



*John M. Altman, Jr.
City Manager*

Each week, the City Manager prepares an update for City Council, citizens, and City employees that addresses the status of major City projects, news, special events, and other matters of interest and Citywide accomplishments in the performance of our services to our citizens of Hopewell.

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CITY NEWS HIGHLIGHTS



'Homegrown for Hopewell' Community Business Pitch Competition

Do you (or someone you know) dream of launching a brick-and-mortar business? The Hopewell Downtown Historic District (Virginia) wants to make your dream a reality.

Complete a free Business Bootcamp through Virginia State University's Minority Small Business Launch Center and then choose to compete for gap-financing in front of a panel of judges. \$30,000 to award!

Learn More



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COVID-19 NEWS

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**CRATER HEALTH DISTRICT**



FREE COVID-19 DRIVE-THRU TESTING



**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12TH
10AM – 12PM
400 CAVALIER SQUARE
HOPEWELL, VA 23860**

- TESTING IS RECOMMENDED FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH SYMPTOMS OR THOSE WHO MAY HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO SOMEONE WITH COVID-19
- DRIVE-THRU TESTING BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
- I.D. RECOMMENDED BUT NOT REQUIRED. NO INSURANCE NEEDED.
- TO PRE-REGISTER FOR TESTING AND RECEIVE AN APPOINTMENT, PLEASE CALL:

(804) 862-8989



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COMMUNITY EVENTS

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APPOMATTOX
REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM

ARLS will not host in-person adult classes during the week of January 9-15.

ARLS will continue to film a weekly exercise class that will be available on their YouTube Channel.

Search Appomattox Regional Library System on YouTube.



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The City of Hopewell provides residents with two options to dispose of undecorated live Christmas trees:



Option 1:

Take Christmas trees to the Hopewell Citizen Convenience Center, 507 Station Street. Place undecorated live trees in yard waste area on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays between 12:30 pm-3:30 pm, and Saturdays between 8 am to 4:30 pm. Trees will be recycled with yard waste.



Option 2:

Leave undecorated live Christmas trees by trash cart for collection on your regular collection day. However, these trees will not be recycled.



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HopewellPrinceGeorge

Chamber of Commerce



Greetings Residents & Friends,

The Visitor Welcome Center has been receiving new tourism information from around the state as well as new local information. Please let us know if we can provide you with local information about attractions, parks, and trails. We can also help you explore Virginia! Happy New Year Everyone!

www.visithpg.com

www.hpgchamber.org



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Virginia Department of Veterans Services

Proudly Serving

VETERANS and their Families

**Our Itinerant Site - Hopewell Veterans Benefits Office,
located at 226 N. Main Street, Suite 200, Hopewell, VA,
will be open for face-to-face appointments on the 1st and 3rd
Tuesday of every month beginning December 7, 2021**

Hours: 8AM to 4PM.

We are taking appointments now.

For Appointments, please call: (804)-773-0864

Or Email: Jeremy.pierce@dvs.virginia.gov

On Site Benefits Representatives will be from Central Regional VDVS Offices

Please provide your name, number, Veterans name and a brief description of the assistance needed.

We will get back to you as promptly as possible with an appointment time.

NOTE: Specific guidelines regarding in person appointments will be provided when the appointment is scheduled. VDVS offices will not be taking walk-ins as there will be no lobby space or waiting rooms available on site.





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Residential Trash Collection

Meridian Waste is the trash collection service provider for the City of Hopewell. The City provides each owner occupied resident one trash cart for weekly [residential trash collection](#) service. All rental property must purchase their trash cart. If additional cart is needed a resident will need to contact the City's Public Works Department. Each additional cart or rental cart is \$58 and must be paid up front before delivery. Cart(s) need to be placed at the curb by 7 am on your normal collection day.

CUSTOMER SERVICE

Please call (804) 425-0500 or email customerservice@cvwma.com for assistance.

BRUSH and YARD WASTE

- Prunings, grass clippings, weeds, leaves, brush, and general yard and garden wastes must be bagged and securely tied together or bundled.
- Bundled brush will be collected. Brush must be tied in bundles less than four feet in length and weighing less than 75 pounds.
- Bagged leaves will be collected year round.

BULKY WASTE

- A limited amount of bulk waste such as furniture and appliances will be collected from the curb on normally scheduled refuse collection days. Bulk items placed at the curb must not exceed the capacity of a 1/2 ton pickup truck and whose dimensions do not exceed 6'L x 4"W x 4' H.
- Residents may use the Convenience center to dispose of large amounts of debris for a fee.
- Appliances containing Freon (CFC/HCFC gases) will be picked up provided the resident pays the gas removal fee to the City Treasurer and attaches the receipt to the appliance.
- Please call ahead to schedule collection by calling the Trash Collection Hotline at (804) 425-0500.



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YOUR RECYCLING MATTERS

RECYCLING TIPS

- Recycling container is for recycling **ONLY**.
- No trash or yard waste. No shredded paper.
- Recycle plastic bags at local retail/grocery stores.
- Be sure to place your recyclables out by 7 am on your collection day.
- Place heavier items on top on windy days, if you have an open container.

HOW TO RECYCLE RIGHT

No plastic bags! Do not bag recyclables.

Please leave items that are not accepted out of your recycling container.

Putting items that CVWMA does not accept in your recycling container can damage equipment, harm workers, and adds additional sorting and disposal costs.

WHEN IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT.

Thank you for RECYCLING RIGHT with CVWMA!

Visit cvwma.com for our list of accepted items.

CVWMA www.cvwma.com 804-340-0900

Central Virginia Waste Management Authority



Local recycling efforts matter. However, the general public in our service area need to understand that CVWMA **accepts certain items only** in its residential (curbside) and drop-off recycling programs. These items are accepted for a specific reason- they can be recycled and made into new products. Unfortunately, either by accident or misunderstanding, unacceptable items continue to be placed in recycling containers. Do not put other things in your recycling container, such as those listed under "NO! All of the unacceptable items will be landfilled; they may also contaminate (and make unrecyclable) the items we can recycle in this area. CVWMA contractors are using [Oops!](#)

[stickers](#) to reject bins, carts or personal containers that have unaccepted items

[E-mail Customer Service](#)

Trash Collection Hotline: (804) 425-0500



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HOPEWELL CARES

HOMELESS, & IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE?

Hopewell residents who qualify may receive immediate temporary housing, rental assistance and resource referrals. Don't hesitate, contact the Homeless Emergency Housing Program.

(804) 873-3020

Office Hours Available By Appointment
Only





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**SIGN UP FOR
COMMUNITY
TEXT
MESSAGES!**



**Are you looking for a way to
stay updated with what's
happening around Hopewell?**



CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP



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HUMAN SERVICES

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Announcing the 2022 ACA Marketplace Open Enrollment!

Now is the time to
select and enroll in
your health plan
for 2022!

Enroll Virginia navigators
are in your community and
ready to help you find an
**affordable health coverage
plan** that gives you peace of
mind.



Enroll between
Nov. 1, 2021-
Jan. 15, 2022

Find Local Help:

804-200-6040

804-200-6035

Apply Directly at the Marketplace By:



800-318-2596



healthcare.gov



ENROLL
VIRGINIA!



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PUBLIC SAFETY

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*The City of
Hopewell, Virginia*

Hopewell Police Department
A.J. Starke, Chief of Police
804-541-2282



MEDIA RELEASE

For Further Information Contact: Lieutenant Jacquita Allen
Criminal Investigations Unit - (804) 541-2284
Release Number: 2022-01062022

January 6, 2022

****Hopewell Police Department Warns Citizens about Leaving Running Vehicles Unattended ****

[Hopewell, VA] -The Hopewell Police Department is warning our citizens about leaving running vehicles unattended in an attempt to prevent vehicles from being stolen. These incidents occur more when victims are warming their cars up for work, school and stopping at convenience stores for a short period.

Crime Prevention Tips to Help Prevent Auto Theft:

- Park your vehicle in a well-lit area.
- Do not leave vehicles unattended and running.
- Make sure that your windows and doors are secured after exiting your vehicle.
- Ensure that you do not leave your keys or key fobs in your vehicle.

Hopewell Police Department officers are proactively conducting directed patrols in our neighborhoods to prevent auto thefts. We will also enhance our efforts by disseminating HEAT (Help Eliminate Auto Theft) informational pamphlets provided by Virginia State Police. With the HEAT program you may be eligible for up to \$25,000 for auto theft tips by contacting (800) 947-HEAT or visiting HEATreward.com.

Citizens that observe any criminal incidents are encouraged to contact our Emergency Telecommunications Center at 804-541-2222. If you see a suspect in your vehicle, do not approach them and immediately contact 911.



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RECREATION & PARKS

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Hopewell Recreation & Parks

LITTLE REC"ERS

JANUARY: BALL EXERCISES

**AN INCLUSIVE MOVEMENT
CLASS FOR KIDS OF ALL
ABILITIES
FOR AGES 3-5**



More info @ hopewellrecandparks.com

Call: 541-2353 or email amccage@hopewellva.gov



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GROUP Coffee Talk



Hopewell Recreation & Parks – Senior Club

Meeting Dates: Every Wednesday
from 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Location: HCC Meeting Room

First Meeting,

Wednesday, January 12, 2022

This group is reserved for Community Center members
only* Registration not required.

Contact AJ McCage for more info
amccage@hopewellva.gov / (804) 541-2353



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HOPEWELL RECREATION AND PARKS

Wonder City Ice Skating

The Wonder City Ice Rink is now available for skating!

The synthetic "ice" rink offers an experience very similar to real ice but without the hassle of getting wet when you fall or melting when it is too warm outside.



The rink has a new home this year at Mathis Park, located at 3502 River Road. Skating passes must be purchased online through our Eventbrite platform. For more information and ticket sales, please visit the website below.

www.hopewellrecandparks.com/ice-skating



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CITY COUNCIL

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City of Hopewell Boards, Commissions, and Authorities Vacancies

Serving on a Board, Commission or Authority can be a rewarding experience for community service-minded citizens. It is an excellent way to participate in the functioning of local government and to make a personal contribution to the improvement of our community.

Listed below are the Boards with vacancies:

Architectural Review Board
Ashford Civic Plaza Commission
Board of Zoning Appeals
Crater District Area Agency on Aging
District 19 Community Services Board
Dock Commission
Downtown Design Review Committee
Recreation Commission
Social Services Advisory Board



For more information, please contact Mollie P. Bess, City Clerk at 804-541-2408, extension 191 or e-mail at mbess@hopewellva.gov.

Click below to apply for any of the vacancies.

TO APPLY



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

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Upcoming Meeting of City Council

January 11, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. (Regular Meeting)



Upcoming City/State Holiday

January 17, 2022 (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday)



Patience Bennett

Mayor, Ward 7



Johnny Partin

Vice Mayor, Ward 3



Deborah Randolph

Ward 1



Arlene Holloway

Ward 2



Jasmine Gore

Ward 4



Janice Denton

Ward 5



Brenda S. Pelham

Ward 6